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I have a question for Senator Lewis. I'll give him a minute of my time. You also, when you were talking about Mr. Rockefeller, you said not only did he have all the oil, but he also got a percentage from the other oil companies transporting oil on his railroad. Could you explain this?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: There's a great book you ought to read about Rockefeller. I'll explain this. This is a history lesson, it has nothing to do with the issue. One of the sweetheart agreements that he signed with the Look, I didn't initiate the question. I just was re....

SENATOR BARNETT: I call on Senator George. My point is that they're not even talking about the issue, Mr. President. They're talking about Mr. Rockefeller and his oilwells. I don't think this has anything to do with it.

PRESIDENT: You raise a point of order?

SENATOR BARNETT: I sure do. Bring it back onto the subject matter.

PRESIDENT: Senator George, you still have the floor.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Do you want me to answer?

PRESIDENT: No. You don't have the floor.

SENATOR GEORGE: I agree with Senator Barnett. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I just would like to say that I was amazed that Senator Maresh talks about slavery. We're talking about the right to contract. I didn't know that slaves had any right to contract with anybody ... that they had any rights as far as contracting. We're talking about impairing the right of contract.

Senator Maresh, would you yield to a question? Since we're talking about contracts, relative to employer - employee relationships, would you then plan on following up with a bill to protect all the employees of the state by abolishing the right to labor - management agreements?

SENATOR MARESH: No, that's a different issue.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well how is it a different issue? It's a right to contract between employer - employee.

SENATOR MARESH: The present law doesn't allow a person to seek other employment. I don't think the other one would prevent a person from quitting his job.